

**Article 2: Administrative Code**

**Division 24: Development Services Department**

*(“Planning Department”*

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*(Retitled to “Development Services Department”*

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**§22.2401 Development Services Department — Powers and Duties of the Development Services Director— Environmental Section**

- (a) The Development Services Department is a City department. The Director is the administrative head of the department and shall be appointed by and may be removed by the City Manager.
- (b) The Director of the Development Services Department, under the direction of the City Manager and with policy direction of the City Council and policy guidance and recommendations of the Planning Commission, shall be responsible for performing those duties and functions as assigned and directed by the City Manager. Such activities, as may be assigned, shall be performed as required by federal, state and local law and regulations as may be promulgated by the City Manager.
- (c) The Development Services Director, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of chapter 10 of this code.
- (d) An environmental section shall serve as a section of the Development Services Department . Any reference as is contained in chapter 6, article 9 of this code to the Environmental Quality Division shall be read as if it applies to the environmental section of the Development Services Department .
- (e) The environmental section of the Development Services Department shall maintain that degree of independence in the performance of its functions and duties as will assure the City Manager, the City Council, Planning Commission and the people of the City of San Diego that its review and analysis of the environmental consequences of projects under its purview, whether beneficial or detrimental, are independent and wholly objective and are not prepared for the purpose of either supporting or detracting from any project, plan or position, whether advanced by the City, any other governmental agency, a developer, a citizen or a group of citizens.

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